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STAINES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

THE SENIOR SANITARY

INSPECTOR



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Staines Urban District Council

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS of the STAINES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1946.

General Statistics

Area—8250 acres, including 405 acres of water.			<i>No of persons per house</i>
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	36360		<i>3.806</i>
Number of inhabited houses	9551		
Rateable Value	£356057		
Sum represented by a penny rate ...	£1439		

Social Conditions

Chief industries carried on in the District are:—

Manufacture of Linoleum, Engineering, Paint and Varnish manufacture, Laundries, Fat extraction and refining, Building, Gravel Raising, Agriculture and Printing.

Unemployment during the year was negligible.

Vital Statistics

The total number of live births registered during the year was 775; of these 410 were males and 365 females.

The illegitimate live births included in these figures totalled 45; 28 males and 17 females.

The Birth Rate was 21.3 as compared to 17.8 in 1945 and 19.19 in 1944.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 19.1

The Still Births numbered 20; 13 males and 7 females—all legitimate.

The Still Birth Rate was 0.54 as compared to 0.56 in 1945 and 0.62 in 1944.

The Still Birth Rate for England and Wales was 0.53.

Deaths

Deaths numbered 328:— 159 males and 169 females.

The Death Rate was 9.02 as compared to 10.8 in 1945 and 10.77 in 1944.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.5.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year

All Infants per 1000 live Births	...	...	27.0
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate Births	...		24.6
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate Births			66.6
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...		0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)		...	0

General Provision of Health Services in the Area

Medical Officer of Health (part time) :

A. C. MANN, M.C., M.B., CH.B.

District Medical Officers (part time) :

J. Y. SCOTT, M.B., CH.B.

J. A. EDWARDS, M.B., CH.B.

A. C. MANN, M.B., CH.B.

Medical Officer Staines Joint Isolation Hospital (part time) :

H. J. BERGH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

JOHN MULLIN, M.R.SAN.I., (appointed April, 1946).

C. RODGERS, CERT. R.S.I., M.S.N.A.

(retired March, 1946)

Sanitary Inspectors :

T. H. FARRELL, M.S.I.A.

J. S. HODGINS, M.S.I.A. (resigned Sept., 1946).

Dairies Inspector (part time) :

R. A. WILLETT, M.R.C.V.S.

Clerk and Shorthand Typist :

MISS L. M. PERRYMAN.

Ambulance Facilities

Two ambulances are provided by the Council for the transport of non-infectious cases and one for infectious cases by the Staines Joint Isolation Hospital.

Laboratory Facilities

Swabs and other material are now examined by the Pathological Department of the Ashford County Hospital.

Clinics & Treatment Centres

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, School Clinics and Tuberculosis Dispensaries are provided and supervised by the Middlesex County Council.

Hospitals

Staines Joint Isolation is used for certain of the infectious diseases.

Staines Hospital and Ashford County Hospital are for the treatment of non-infectious cases.

Nursing in the Home

District Nurses are provided by the various Wards for General Nursing and in conjunction with the Middlesex County Council for Maternity work.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

The principal water supply to the Area is from the South West Suburban Water Company, but part of Laleham Ward is supplied by the West Surrey Water Co., and part of Colnbrook Area by the Borough of Slough Water Co.

Regular bacteriological examinations are made of the raw water and of the water going into supply and I am informed that an average of 70 bacteriological ex-

aminations are made Annually and these have all been satisfactory. In addition check samples are taken by the Council's Sanitary Inspectors and these also are satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewage Disposal

There were no extensions of sewers during the year and the nuisance caused by cesspool drainage in parts of the Area continued.

Public Cleansing

Domestic refuse is collected at intervals of two weeks and I think it would be better if the pre-war weekly collection could be resumed.

Disposal is by tipping and in view of the nuisance arising from tipping and the shortage of suitable sites a refuse destructor should be provided as soon as possible.

Rivers and Streams

Minor pollution of rivers and streams feeding the Thames was observed and action taken on eleven occasions.

Camping Sites

Three applications for the use of land for occupation by moveable dwellings were received during the year.

Two were granted and one refused.

Camping by gypsies caused considerable nuisance and was very difficult to deal with, the legal procedure for prevention of unlicensed camping being of little value when dealing with this class of camper.

The Council Camping Site at Laleham was well patronised during the summer.

Smoke Abatement

There are only three factory stacks in the Area and several observations were made of smoke nuisances, but having regard to the quality of the fuel now being supplied to the factories no statutory action was taken.

Temporary Provision of Insulin

During the year a free supply of Insulin was given to a number of people suffering from Diabetes in conformity with Ministry of Health Circular, 2734.

Premises and Occupations in the District Subject to Control by the Local Authority

Camping Sites and Moveable Dwellings.

Offensive Trades.

Slaughter-houses.

Houses Let in Lodgings.

Establishments for Massage and Special Treatment.

Hairdressers and Barbers Premises.

Open air Market.

Adulteration of Foodstuffs

Sampling for the detection and prevention of adulteration of food is undertaken by Inspectors of the Middlesex County Council.

Notifiable Diseases

Seventy four cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, of these 72 were treated in Hospital; the average stay in Hospital being 21.1 days.

Twelve cases of Diphtheria were notified but on investigation four proved to be not Diphtheria.

The eight cases were treated in Hospital, the average stay being 21.5 days.

Five out of the eight cases had been immunised.

I append a chart showing the number of the various diseases notified and their age group.

Tuberculosis

Forty four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and six cases of non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Thirteen cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and two cases of non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis died during the year.

Scabies and Lice Infestation

Very few cases were seen during the year..

Immunisation

There has been a good response to Immunisation; 1080 children having been successfully immunised during the year; of these 616 were under five years, and 464 between 5 and 15 years.

I append a list showing the causes of death during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. C. MANN.

TUBERCULOSIS

		NOTIFICATIONS				DEATHS			
<i>Age</i>		<i>Pulm.</i>		<i>Non Pulm.</i>		<i>Pulm.</i>		<i>Non. Pulm.</i>	
<i>Period</i>		<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0—2	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
2—5	...	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	...	5	3	2	—	—	1	—	1
15—25	...	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	...	4	5	—	1	1	—	—	—
35—45	...	4	3	—	1	3	2	—	—
45—55	...	4	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
55—65	...	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
65—75	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		24	20	4	2	8	5	1	1
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS :		44		6		13		2	
		—		—		—		—	

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Age Periods.

Disease	0-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	Totals
Measles	5	15	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	37
Scarlet Fever	3	9	56	5	1	—	—	—	—	74
Diphtheria	—	1	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	8
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	4
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	5
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1

CAUSES OF DEATH

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	8	5
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	1	1
Syphilitic Diseases ...	1	3
Influenza ...	4	2
Cancer of Buccal Cavity: uterus ...	2	4
Cancer of Stomach and duodenum ...	4	6
Cancer of breast ...	—	7
Cancer of all other sites ...	18	11
Diabetes ...	1	3
Intracranial Vascular lesions ...	10	22
Heart Disease ...	42	50
Other diseases of Circulatory System	6	4
Bronchitis ...	12	8
Pneumonia ...	6	6
Other respiratory diseases ...	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum ...	4	—
Other digestive diseases ...	5	5
Appendicitis ...	—	—
Nephritis ...	5	3
Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis ...	—	—
Other Maternal Causes ...	—	2
Premature Birth ...	7	1
Congenital malformations, birth injuries, Infantile diseases ...	5	3
Suicide ...	1	1
Road Traffic accidents ...	3	—
Other violent causes ...	4	7
All other causes ...	9	14
	—	—
Total	159	169
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SUMMARY OF HOUSING AND SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Housing.

Housing Act, 1936, section 9—				
Inspections	...	...	...	24
Reinspections	...	...	...	127
Public Health Act, 1936—				
Inspections	...	...	...	1059
Reinspections	...	...	...	2219
Overcrowding—No. of inspections	...	...	...	86
Applications for Council Houses	...	...	...	53
Council Houses	...	...	...	97
Rent & Mortgage Restriction Acts	...	...	...	11
				3676

General.

Control of Civil Buildings	...	...	...	137
Provision of Ashbins	...	...	...	165
Drainage	...	...	...	136
Drain testing	...	...	...	14
Smoke Nuisances	...	...	...	23
Factories	...	...	...	37
Vermin	...	...	...	60
Scabies	...	...	...	9
Keeping of Animals and Poultry	...	...	...	62
Water Supplies	...	...	...	15
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	104
Food Premises	...	...	...	444
Caravans	...	...	...	38
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	11
Places of Public Entertainment	...	...	...	31
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	32
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	106
				1424
Total				5100

Number of Notices served—

	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Formal</i>
Housing Act, 1936—section 9 ...	24	3
Public Health Act, 1936 ...	537	136
Shops Act, 1912—1936 ...	18	—
Food & Drugs Act, 1938 ...	32	—
	611	139

WORKS COMPLETED — nuisances abated, etc.

Dampness remedied ...	27
Roofs repaired ...	70
Floors repaired ...	23
Walls repaired ...	30
Ceilings repaired ...	18
Windows repaired or renewed ...	39
General internal repairs ...	81
General external repairs ...	39
Dustbins provided ...	101
Cesspools cleansed (on notice) ...	106
Rainwater gutters and pipes ...	48
Chimneys overhauled ...	5
Additional W.C.'s provided ...	2
Additional water supply and sinks provided ...	3
Yard paving repaired or renewed ...	9
Food stores provided ...	2
Fire grates repaired or renewed ...	32
Verminous premises cleansed ...	10
Other premises cleansed ...	61
Houses provided with proper water supply ...	1
Domestic chimneys—nuisance abated ...	4
Keeping of animals ...	3
Drains — new, repaired, cleared, etc. ...	138
W.C. and fittings repaired or renewed ...	85
New sinks ...	2

Waste pipes, new or repaired	...	30
Cesspools abolished		59
Miscellaneous		33
		1061

CESSPOOLS.

There are 1262 premises in the Area drained to cesspools and under present conditions it is difficult to carry out improvements. 59 cesspools were abolished during the year and the houses connected to the public sewer.

COMPLAINTS.

1030 complaints were received during the year. All received prompt attention and any necessary action.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Proceedings were taken against five persons requiring the abatement of nuisances. Orders were made in each case.

RENT AND MORTGAGE RESTRICTIONS ACTS.

Enquiries were made into 11 complaints of excessive rents. One certificate of disrepair was issued.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	1083
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose		2346

(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	—
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	—
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	—
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	736
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:—				
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	658
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—				
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:				
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	24
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—				
(a)	By owners	...	...	...	3
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	...	...	...	—

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	136
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	107
(b) By local authority in default of owners	5
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	—
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

Food Inspection

The following foods were surrendered as unfit for human consumption:—

Bacon	...	30 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	Sugar	...	138 lbs.
Margarine	...	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Oranges	...	55 lbs.
Bread	...	665 lbs.	Fish Cakes	...	423 lbs.
Flour	...	113 lbs.	Poultry	...	255 lbs.
Cereals	...	567 lbs.	Canned Meat	...	133 lbs.
Sausages	...	296 lbs.	Dried Fruit	...	320 lbs.
Jam	...	49 lbs.	Meat Pies	...	342 lbs.
Sweets	...	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Biscuits	...	14 lbs.
Tinned foods	...	3498 tins	Tea	...	5 lbs.
Imported Meat	...	884 lbs.	Eggs	...	463 lbs.
Fish	...	1992 lbs.	Dried Milk	...	172 lbs.
Butter	...	2 lbs.	Ham	...	24 lbs.
Cake	...	73 lbs.	Dates	...	42 lbs.
Crumpets	...	1402 lbs.	English Meat	...	1007 lbs.
Cheese	...	32 lbs.			

Notification of slaughter of 184 pigs under Ministry of Food permits was received; and 3 cows were emergency slaughtered. All were inspected and the following were found diseased and unfit for human consumption:—

3 Bovine Carcases and Offal	18 Pig's heads
2 Pig's Carcases and Offal	13 Pig's plucks

Under arrangements made by the Ministry of Food all foods surrendered are salvaged for industrial use or animal feeding wherever practicable.

Inspection of Food Premises

				<i>No. of Inspections</i>
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	37
Butchers Shops	...	...	...	143
Bakehouses	...	...	...	11
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	72
Fish Fryers	...	...	...	23
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	158
				444

Milk and Dairies Regulations

Inspection of dairies and cowsheds is carried out by a veterinary officer appointed for this purpose.

The following samples of milk were taken:—

Pasteurised Milk.

32 samples were taken to check the efficiency of the pasteurising process. 29 samples satisfied the phosphatase test and 3 failed.

Ungraded Milk.

24 samples were taken. 13 samples satisfied the methylene blue and coliform tests and 11 failed.

14 samples of raw milk were submitted for biological examination. All were reported free from tubercle bacilli.

Ice Cream

Particular attention was given to the conditions under which ice cream was manufactured. 27 samples were taken for bacteriological examination. 13 of these were reported unsatisfactory.

Infectious Diseases

104 visits were made to houses where infectious diseases occurred and 93 houses were disinfected.

Rodent Control

This work is carried out by the Staines, Hayes & Harlington, and Yiewsley & West Drayton Joint Rodent Committee, and is not dealt with by the Sanitary Inspectors.

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